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APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR
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Claims 1 and 4-14 have been allowed in this case. The Statement of Reasons for Allowance (and possibly other statements) indicates that the prior art fails to teach some of the features recited in independent claims 1 and 12. To the extent that these statements regarding allowable subject matter agree with the language of the individual allowed claims, the applicant agrees with the statements.

Furthermore, it is a well known tenet of patent law that patent claims are read as a whole, rather than phrase by phrase or element by element. Therefore, the scope of the allowed claims is not necessarily limited only to the claim features mentioned in the statements, but rather, to the language of the claims themselves, in their entirety.

Finally, there are several independent claims allowed in this case, as well as various dependent claims that depend directly or indirectly from the allowed independent claims. Each of the allowed claims includes particular features and particular claim language, and therefore each has a scope different from the others allowed in this case.

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